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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Non-Official Visitors to the Bangalore Central Jail.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 11829-32—Pris. 78-27-2, dated the 21st April 1928, appointing non-official Visitors to the Bangalore Central Jail for a period of two years.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. J2. 4163—29-30, dated the 13th August 1930, from the District Magistrate, Bangalore, stating that the term of non-official Visitors to the Bangalore Central Jail expired on the 21st April 1930 and submitting proposals for the appointment of Non-official Visitors for a further period of two years.

ORDER NO. G. 2334-7—PRIS. 80-29-8, DATED 22ND AUGUST 1930.

Government are pleased to appoint the following lady and gentlemen as non-official Visitors to the Bangalore Central Jail for a period of two years:—

(1) Mrs. K. H. Ramayya (Revamma), Visvesvarapuram, Bangalore City.
(2) Rev. W. J. T. Small, United Theological College, Bangalore.
(3) Mr. R. Gopalswami Iyer, Elephant Lodge, Chamarajapet, Bangalore.
(4) ,, A. J. Khaleel, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Bangalore.
(5) ,, Abdul Rahmon, B.A., Member, District Board, Bangalore.
(6) Dr. E. S. Krishnaswami Iyer, Retired Civil Surgeon, Chamarajapet, Bangalore City.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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Reviews the report on the working of the Hospitals and Dispensaries the in State.

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Report on the working of the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State for the calendar year 1929, received from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore with his letter No. G. C. 420, dated the 14th June 1930.

ORDER THEREON No. G. 2501-4—MED. 328-29-6, DATED 26TH AUGUST 1930.

Recorded.

Medical Institutions and the number of patients treated therein.

2. There were 242 institutions at the beginning of the year. With the 20 institutions opened during the year, the total number working at the close of the year was 262.

The total number of patients treated in all the institutions was 28,65,275 against 27,19,361 in the previous year. The total number of in-patients treated rose from 27,440 in the previous year to 30,069 in the year under report, while the percentage of deaths among them fell from 6·16 to 5·92. The largest number of in-patients were treated for the diseases of the digestive and generative systems and Malaria and the largest number of deaths among them was from Pneumonia. The largest number of out-patients treated was for Malaria, *viz.*, 5,03,730 and those for digestive system standing next with 3,23,785.

Finance.

3. The total expenditure of the Department amounted to Rs. 13,37,427 showing an increase of nearly Rs. 40,000 over that of the previous year. Of this expenditure, a sum of Rs. 2,41,849 was contributed by District and Municipal Funds.

Midwives.

4. The number of midwives working during the year under report was 244 against 204 in the previous year and the number of labour cases handled by them was 15,150 as against 12,800 in the previous year. Although there is a slight increase in the average number of cases attended by each midwife, Government regret to note that the work of the midwives in the Malnad continues to be poor. The Chitaldrug District shows the smallest average work turned out by the midwives.

The premier Hospitals of Bangalore and Mysore.

5. The Victoria Hospital was under the management of Mr. S. Subba Rao till 31st January 1929, and under Mr. D. S. Puttanna since then. The total number of out-patients treated in the instituiton was 66,026 with a daily average of 455·99 against 64,085 and 484·05 respectively during the preceding year. The number of in-patients was 5,339 showing an increase of 810 over the previous year's figure. The daily average under in-patients increased from 190·14 in the previous year to 194·09 in the year under report. The number of deaths was 398 giving a ratio of 7·45 per cent against 7·55 in 1928. The number of cases for Electro Therapy was 7,044 showing an increase of 108 over the previous year's figure. Three thousand sixteen X-ray exposures were given and 1,801 screen examinations made.

Government are glad to note that the Board of Visitors to this Hospital evinced great interest in the working of the institution and several important suggestions made by them for its improvement are being carried out.

The Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore was in charge of Dr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.A., C.S., till 22nd February 1929, when Mr. T. Balakrishna Mudaliar, L.M.S., succeeded and continued to be in charge till the end of the year. The number of in-patients treated in the Krishnarajendra Hospital (including those treated in the Ophthalmic Department) was 5,009 against 4,508 during 1928. The total number of deaths among them was 348 or 6·74 per cent of the admissions against 330 or 7·34 per cent respectively in the previous year. The number of out-patients and their daily average were 57,188 and 485·57 respectively against 56,814 and 427·27 in the previous year. Of the total number of out-door and in-patients treated in the hospital, it is noticed that those treated for the disease of the eye alone numbered 10,005 and 514 against 8,667 and 538 respectively in the year 1928. The number of cases that came up for Electro-Therapy was 752.

The Minto Ophthalmic Hospital continued to be popular under Mr. B. K. Narayana Rao. The number of patients treated in itduring the year was 2,728 against 2,684 in 1928 and the total number of out-patients—26,877 against 26,647. Out of the operations on the eye, 1,198 were Cataract operations with 0·42 per cent failures. Ten qualified medical men underwent Post-Graduate Course in the institution.

The Maternity Hospital at Bangalore continued to maintain its popularity under the management of Miss Albuquerque. The number of in-patients treated during the year was 2,600 and the daily average 90·23 as compared with 2,221 and 66·62 during 1928. The number of out-patients increased from 14,806 in 1928 to 17,933 in the year under report. The wards in the hospital were extended so as to give increased accommodation. The present location of the hospital being unsuitable, a site has been selected for constructing a new Maternity Hospital building in the Fort, Bangalore City, and a Committee of officials and non-officials was appointed to collect subscriptions to supplement the Government grant. Government are glad that public subscriptions to the extent of Rs. 1,20,000 have already been promised. Government have recently accorded sanction to the construction of the new hospital at a cost of Rs. 3,25,000.

Out of 62 pupil midwives under training in the Maternity Hospitals at Bangalore, Kolar Gold Fields and Vani Vilas Hospital at Mysore, 30 passed out during the year. The work of these hospitals was satisfactory.

Special Hospitals and Institutions.

6. In the Princess Krishnajammanni Sanatorium, Mysore, 129 in-patients were treated during the year as against 106 in 1928. Of these 47 were cured, 11 relieved. The total number of out-patients treated was 1,008. An additional ward for providing for 30 more beds has been constructed by Mr. Munivenkatappa at his own expense.

The total number of patients admitted into the Epidemic Diseases Hospitals at Bangalore, Mysore and Kolar Gold Fields was 1,004 against 776 in the previous year, of whom 264 died.

The extension of the Lepers Regulation throughout the State resulted in an increase in the number of admissions to the Leper Asylum. The total number of inmates in the Asylum at Bangalore at the close of the year was 276 against 196 in the previous year. The construction of a Leper Ward for 30 beds was sanctioned during the year. A Leper Out-patient Dispensary was also opened from the 1st February 1929 and 1,643 cases were examined. A Leprosy Survey at several Stations was carried out by the Superintendent of the Leper Asylum. Two Sub-Assistant Surgeons who were deputed to the School of Tropical Medicine at Calcutta returned during the year after training in leprosy work.

The Medical Stores dealt with 305 annual and 1,705 extra indents during the year against 250 and 1,753 respectively in the previous year and no indent was pending at the close of the year. The annual stock examination of the Stores was done by Mr. F. Noronha, Surgeon, in the month of December 1929. The amounts due for supplies to Government Departments require to be recovered and adjusted early.

Mental Hospital.—The total number of inmates under treatment in the Mental Hospital during the year was 292 against 298 during the previous year.

The expenditure on the institution showed a decrease of nearly Rs. 1,500 as compared with the previous year's figure and the net profit under cloth manufacturing department amounted to more than double that made during the previous year. There were 61 paying patients during the year and the amount recovered from them was Rs. 4,004-7-2.

The Official Visitors and those deputed by the Civil and Military Station authorities met every month and the recommendations made by them were carried out.

The institution is increasing in popularity as testified to by the increase in the number of voluntary boarders. The Superintendent reports that there is great scope for an out-patient department attached to the hospital. The Senior Surgeon is requested to investigate this matter and submit necessary proposals in due course.

The Senior Surgeon Mr. S. Subba Rao was not only able to inspect all the major medical institutions but also performed 51 important operations therein. He also inspected 119 other institutions. The District Medical Officers inspected all the institutions in their charge.

General.

7. Fakhrul Hukuma Mr. B. Mahomed Usmon was in charge of the Office of the Senior Surgeon till 31st January 1929 when Mr. S. Subba Rao succeeded him and continued to be in charge throughout the year.

The administration of the Department under Mr. S. Subba Rao was satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.